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SUBJECT: FILM FOR JURISTS

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1. AS PART OF MISSION EFFORT DEVELOP PROGRAM ON THEME OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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POST CONSIDERED NUMBER OF AVENUES WHICH COULD OFFER COMMON GROUND
FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL GROUPS INTERESTED HUMAN RIGHTS WITHOUT
TREADING ON GOI SENSITIVITIES. POST APPROACHED REPRESENTATIVE LEGAL
AID SOCIETY (LAS) SOME OF WHOSE MEMBERS ARE ACTIVISTS IN SUPPORT
HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA AND EXPLAINED THAT SIX-HOUR DOCUMENTARY
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FILM OF ACTUAL TRIAL BLACK PANTHER (TRIAL:THE CITY & COUNTRY
OF DENVER VS. LAUREN R. WATSON) AVAILABLE IF WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO
INDONESIAN LAWYERS. ON BASIS REACTION LAS, POST OBTAINED FILM FROM
USIA AND ARRANGED ALL DAY SHOWING AT USIS FOR 50 MEMBERS LAS. FILM
HAD POWERFUL IMPACT ON VIEWERS WHO WERE STRUCK BY THE FREEDOM
OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DEFENSE ATTORNEY, JUDGE AND DEFENDANT

AND FAIRNESS OF AMERICAN COURTROOM PROCEDURES PARTICULARLY WHEN
COMPARED WITH INDONESIAN COURTS.

2. MR. B. NASUTION WHO WELL KNOWN IN INDONESIA FOR HIS OUTSPOKEN
DEFENSE HUMAN RIGHTS (HE HAD BEEN IMPRISONED FOR TWO YEARE WITHOUT
BEING CHARGED AND FINALLY RELEASED) SAID THAT THIS FILM COULD HAVE
REVOLUTIONARY AND SALUTARY EFFECT ON INDONESIAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM
AND HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING WAYS OF HAVING FILM DUBBED INTO
INDONESIAN. COST IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT \$5000 BUT IN VIEW OF
GREAT INTEREST LAS, FUNDING NOT CONSIDERED INSUPERABLE PROBLEM.
WILL ARRANGE SHOWING THROUGH LAS FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES AND
OFFICIALS. IF MANILA INTERESTED, WILL INFORM AGENCY THAT FILM SENT
TO YOU AFTER USE HERE.

3. AS FOLLOW UP TO FIRT SHOWING POST HELD SPECIAL SHOWING OF
"TOWARD JUSTICE FOR ALL" AND DISCUSSION OF CONTENTS BY YOUNG AMERICAN
LAWYER FOR 40 REPRESENTATIVES YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION. POST
BELIEVES HAS FOUND COMMON GROUND IN IMPORTANT AREA HUMAN RIGHTS
AND INTENDS TO PURSUE.

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